

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TUNIS 05724 011957Z

55

ACTION CPR-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AF-04 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01

DRC-01 /018 W

----- 114218

R 011610Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3341

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 5724

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TS

SUBJECT: TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSES APPOINT FOREIGN

MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD MESTIRI

AS NEW AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON

REF: TUNIS A-222, DEC. 15, 1970

1. HASSEN FODHA, CHEF DU CABINET FOR FOREIGN MINISTER MASMOUDI, INFORMED ME TODAY, OCT. 1, THAT YESTERDAY GOT SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SEEK AGREEMENT FOR SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD MESTIRI.

2. COMMENT: REPLACEMENT OF PRESENT AMBASSADOR SLAHEDDINE EL-GOULLI COMES AS NO SURPRISE. IT HAS LONG BEEN RUMORED THAT HE WOULD BE LEAVING, NO DOUBT PARTLY BECAUSE HE DOES NOT GET ALONG WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MASMOUDI. MESTIRI IS A BRIGHT, ABLE, FRIENDLY AND EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT WHO, BEFORE ASSUMING HIS POSITION AS SECRETARY GENERAL, SERVED FOR THREE YEARS AS AMBASSADOR TO BONN. HE SERVED AS TUNISIA'S ASSISTANT/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UN FROM 1961 TO 1964 AND AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE FROM 1967 TO 1969. FROM 1969 TO 1970 HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG PRIOR TO HIS BONN ASSIGNMENT. HE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF GOT EXPERTS ON SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. HE IS DIVORCED AND SPEAKS REASONABLY FLUENT ENGLISH IN ADDITION TO EXCELLENT FRENCH.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TUNIS 05724 011957Z

FURTHER BIO AVAILABLE IN REF AIRGRAM.

SEELYE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973TUNIS05724
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS SEELYE
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: TUNIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731058/aaaabqqw.tel
Line Count: 62
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION CPR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: TUNIS A-222, DEC. 15, 1970
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07-Jan-2002 by martinjw>; APPROVED <24-Jan-2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSES APPOINT FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD MESTIRI
TAGS: PFOR, TS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005